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1. At a meeting of the Liberation Front (Osvobodilna Fronta) of the Babič Communist Party held on 9 March in the first district, Trieste, Vojo Godina, member of the Communist Party District Committee stated in a speech:

"In recent times our people have been very much concerned that Trieste would be returned to Italy, and afraid of imaginary negotiations between Yugoslavia and Italy. The reason for this fear is misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the words of our leaders. Kardelj's pre-electoral speech in Maribor answered the question clearly.

"As long as the Russians are on the Danube and in Rumania, America will not permit Trieste to return to Italy. Trieste has become the Anglo-American port for providing supplies to the eastern front.

"Trieste's fate may be decided only by the Yugoslav and Italian people and without assistance of the greater powers. This is no longer the Free Territory of Trieste. It is an Italian province, because all of the laws come from Rome and the peoples' wishes are worth nothing. We are too small to fight alone, and for this reason we should depend on Yugoslavia, because we, too, are part of the Yugoslav people. We cannot turn to Anglo-American capitalism as the refugees have done, and to Demokracija and to the Action Committee."

2. Godina concluded with a bitter attack on Toncic and Perfolja. He also attacked the pro-Cominform Vidali Communist Party, stating that Vidali wanted Zones A and B to be annexed by Italy.

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